Judge Hits Justice Aide For False Wiretap Data

general's assistant Friday for Will Wilson. falsifying wiretap authorizaherion smugglers.

U.S. District Court Judge William Mehrtens made the tens said. ruling in the 1970 "Operation the United States.

order in the case was obtained papers in the case. by authorization papers he The six defendants, includsaid contained "ghost-written ing Mario Escandar, J. W. and false and misleading Robinson and Marguerite de memoranda and data."

ell, in his ruling.

Mehrtens said the original named. wiretap authorization "gave The case now returns to the the unmistaken impression U.S. 5th Court of Appeals in that the Attorney General New Orleans.

MIAMI, March 24: (UPI)- | (Mitchell) had delegated the An angry federal judge de- authorization decision to nounced the U.S. attorney (Assistant Attorney General)

"This memorandum was tion papers and threw out the false, both because Sol Linbulk of the government's evi- denbaum signed John Mitcdence against six convicted hell's initials and because Sol Lindenbaum himself made the authorization decision," Mehr-

Mitchell and a number of Eagle" case in which federal present and former high-rankagents used wiretaps to track ing Justice Department offidown and arrest six persons cials were called here Monday on charges of smuggling a to testify before Mehrtens, large quantity of heroin into who was ordered by the U.S. 5th Court of Appeals to re-Mehrtens said the wiretap view the wiretap authorization

Acre, were convicted of nar-The judge singled out Sol cotics smuggling in November, Lindenbaum, executive assist- 1970, and sentenced to terms ant to Attorney General Rich- ranging from two to 12 years. ard Kleindienst, and former They are currently free on ap-Attorney General John Mitch- peal bonds. The other defendants were not immediately